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BALLOTS FOR THE 1979 QCWA ELECTIONS WERE PREPARED AND MAILED ON JUNE 7, 1979. THE BALLOT IS MADE UP OF 8 PAGES OF MATERIAL. THERE ARE FIVE PAGES OF BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL FOR THE CANDIDATES, AND THE BALLOT PROPER. BALLOTS WERE MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AS OF JUNE 1, 1979. BALLOTS TO MEMBERS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WERE MAILED EITHER FIRST-CLASS OR AIRMAIL, WITH THE BALANCE OF THE BALLOTS SENT VIA BULK-MAIL.

ON DECEMBER 31, 1978 THERE WERE 922 MEMBERS OF QCWA WHO BECAME DELINQUENT IN DUES. DURING LATE FEBRUARY A NOTICE WAS WRITTEN TO EACH MEMBER, REQUESTING THEM TO RE-NEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN QCWA. APPROXIMATELY 450 DID SO. ON JUNE 1, 1979 THOSE WHO HAD CONTINUED TO LET THEIR DUES LAPSE WERE DROPPED FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP ROLLS (By-Laws, Article II, Section 4). IN ADDITION, THERE ARE SOMEWHAT MORE THAN 50 MEMBERS WHO ARE IN GOOD STANDING WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING QCWA COMMUNICATIONS DUE TO POOR ADDRESSES (their mail is returned unclaimed). WE WOULD APPRECIATE ALL CHAPTERS URGING THEIR MEMBERS TO CHECK THEIR MAILING ADDRESS AND TO KEEP HEADQUARTERS ADVISED OF ANY CHANGES.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS WERE PRINTED RECENTLY. COPIES WERE SENT TO ALL CHAPTERS AT THE TIME, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT IF YOUR SUPPLY IS LOW, TO DROP US A CARD OR LETTER AND WE'LL FORWARD SOME ADDITIONAL FORMS. THE REASON FOR THE CONCERN IS THAT WE HAVE, IN THE NEW FORM, ADDED MATERIAL DEALING WITH MEMBERSHIP DUES, AND THE PRICE OF THE QCWA GOLD PIN WAS INCREASED FROM \$3.50 TO \$4.00 TO TAKE CARE OF INCREASED COST FROM THE MANUFACTURER.

THE WINNERS OF THE QSO PARTY COMPETITION FOR 1979 WILL SOON BE RECEIVING THEIR QCWA PLAQUES. THEY ARE BEING ENGRAVED AT THIS TIME FOR EARLY MAILING. IN THE EVENT THAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED THE OUTCOME OF THE PARTY COMPETITION, THIS YEAR THERE WERE TWO WINNERS, ONE FOR CW, ONE FOR PHONE. THEY WERE:

For Phone - Father David L. Reddy, CEØAE

For CW - James B. Rives, W5JC

SINCE LAST FALL, NEARLY 700 DOLLARS HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTED BY INDIVIDUALS AND CHAPTERS AS A GIFT TO AMATEURS ACROSS THE WORLD, TO BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE ARRL OPERATION GOODWILL. IN SPEAKING TO HARRY DANNALS, W2HD, A WEEK AGO, HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE COOPERATION QCWA IS EXTENDING ARRL IN HELPING TO MAKE THE PROGRAM A SUCCESS. ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION OF FUNDS TO THE ARRL. AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF PRESENTATION OF THE MONEY WILL BE MADE WHEN FINALIZED.

QCWA HAS NOT BEEN AN ORGANIZATION INTERESTED IN CONTROVERSY.... NEVER-THE-LESS, MANY MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN THE HAPPENINGS IN AMATEUR RADIO WHICH MAY HAVE CONTROVERSIAL ASPECTS, AND HAVE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO SEE STORIES WHICH MIGHT HELP SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO HAVE MATERIAL PREPARED, BY TWO INTERESTED PEOPLE, ON SUBJECT MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO AMATEURS. THE MATERIAL WILL BE BALANCED, NOT ARGUMENTIVE, BUT INFORMATIVE. WE EXPECT TO HAVE IT READY FOR THE FALL ISSUE OF THE NEWS.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME MINOR MIS-UNDERSTANDING REGARDING ISSUANCE OF THE QCWA CERTIFICATES (50, 60-year, etc.). THE RULES FOR ISSUANCE OF THESE CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN EVERY ISSUE OF QCWA NEWS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE AWARD PROGRAM WAS INAUGURATED IN 1962. IN GENERAL, IT HAS BEEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER WHO DESIRES THE AWARD TO PROVIDE PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY. SOME HAVE TAKEN OFFENSE AT THIS REQUIREMENT, FEELING WITH SOME DEGREE OF REASON, THAT SINCE THEY MAY HAVE JOINED QCWA IN 1953 WITH 25 YEARS OF AMATEUR SERVICE AT THAT TIME, AND IT IS NOW 25/26 YEARS LATER, THAT SHOULD BE PROOF ENOUGH. AS IT TURNS OUT, WE AT HEADQUARTERS DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF WHEN A MEMBER JOINED QCWA PREVIOUS TO DECEMBER, 1972. RECORDS BEFORE THAT TIME ARE NOT AVAILABLE. THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT EACH APPLICANT PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE AWARD, AS REQUESTED ON THE FORM...THIS CAN BE CHECKED AND THE CERTIFICATE ON ITS WAY THE SAME DAY. IN CLOSING--WE DO HAVE CALLBOOKS, BUT UNLESS WE KNOW YOUR EARLIEST CALL-SIGN, WE HAVE NO WAY OF CHECKING THE YEAR OF ISSUANCE.

QCWA AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIP ARE BASED ON THE YEAR DATE ONLY.... I. E., IF YOU WERE LICENSED ANY TIME IN 1954, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP ANY TIME IN 1979...SAME THING GOES FOR ALL OF OUR CERTIFICATES ISSUED WHICH ARE BASED ON LONGEVITY.

THE CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER, SPONSORS OF THE 1979 QCWA CONVENTION HAVE BEEN WORKING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO INSURE THAT WE HAVE ONE OF THE BEST CONVENTIONS EVER HELD. REGULAR MEETINGS, A COMPLETE AND FULL ACCOUNTING OF PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES IS MADE EACH MONTH. IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN MAKE IT, PLEASE ATTEND THE CHICAGO CONVENTION....IT'S GOING TO BE A HUM-DINGER. : :
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FOR INFORMATION!

NEWS OF THE 1979 QCWA ROSTER IS IN ORDER. THROUGH AN UNBELIEVABLE SERIES OF INCIDENTS WE HAVE HAD ONE DELAY AFTER ANOTHER. WE WERE REMOVED FROM OUR COMPUTER CONNECTION (WHICH HAD BEEN A FREE SERVICE, COURTESY OF THE SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER) JUST ABOUT THE TIME WE WERE PRINTING THE ROSTER. THERE WAS A HIATUS DURING WHICH WE WERE ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN, AND DURING WHICH TIME WE TRIED TO MAINTAIN THE SERVICE, BUT THIS TURNED OUT TO BE IMPOSSIBLE. THEN CAME THE SCURRY TO GET OUR MEMBERSHIP FILES INTO ANOTHER COMPUTER WE COULD AFFORD. IT CAME HARD, AND EVEN THOUGH THE COMPUTER WE DID GET INTO WAS OF THE SAME MAKE, IT WAS A LATER MODEL, AND NONE OF OUR PROGRAMS WOULD WORK, ALL HAVING TO BE RE-WRITTEN, CHECKED AND TESTED. WELL, FINALLY, ALL OF THE MATERIAL WAS PRINTED, IT IS JUST ALMOST COMPLETE NOW, AND WILL BE AT THE PRINTERS IN A FEW DAYS. YOUR PATIENCE IS APPRECIATED!

TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN QCWA BY THOSE NOT MEMBERS, HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO POSSIBLE PROMOTION OF A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT TYPE OF PARTY, WHICH MIGHT BE HELD IN THE FALL OF THE YEAR. WE HAVE MENTIONED THIS TO McRAE, W9RC, WHO IS THE ACTIVITIES MANAGER FOR QCWA, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CHAPTERS DISCUSS THE MATTER, AND SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO W9RC. IF, AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, IT IS BELIEVED DESIRABLE, THERE SHOULD BE NO REAL DIFFICULTY IN SETTING UP A SIMPLE PROGRAM. THE PLAN IS BASED ON THE IDEA THAT:

QCWA WOULD HOLD A "QCWA INVITATIONAL PARTY" TO BE HELD ON A WEEK-END, AND RADIO CONTACTS, PHONE AND CW, WOULD BE MADE BETWEEN QCWA MEMBERS AND AMATEURS NOT QCWA MEMBERS. AN AWARD WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE QCWA MEMBER MAKING THE MOST CONTACTS WITH NON-MEMBERS, AND TO THE NON-QCWA MEMBER MAKING THE MOST CONTACTS WITH QCWA MEMBERS.

THE IDEA BEING TO INTRODUCE QCWA TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS, GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO MEET WE OLD-TIMERS, AND TO INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN QCWA ACTIVITIES AND TO BECOME A MEMBER WHEN OR IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE! PLEASE WRITE US, FOLLOWING YOUR CHAPTER DISCUSSION, ON THIS MATTER!

DURING RECENT ISSUES OF QCWA NEWS, WE HAVE BEEN USING DIFFERENT SIZES OF TYPE, IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE SPACE, AND TO LOWER COSTS. THE VERY SMALL TYPE HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE NO GOOD, WITH THE COMMENT RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS RANGING FROM BAD TO DAMN VIOLENT! PLEASE EXAMINE THE VARIOUS TYPES OF TYPE FACE AND IF YOU CARE TO, COMMENT TO HEADQUARTERS ON WHICH YOU CONSIDER BEST, OVERALL.

THE QUALITY OF PRINTING ON THE 1979 BALLOT HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING TO US. THE BLUE COLOR WAS CHOSEN TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO DUPLICATE...HOWEVER, THE PICTURES WERE POOR. THIS WAS DUE IN SMALL PART TO THE FACT THAT SOME WERE COLOR, SOME B & W AND SOME NOT VERY GOOD, BUT THE PRINTER DID THE WORST JOB WE'VE HAD, AND BELIEVE ME HE HEARD ABOUT IT! IF IT OCCURS AGAIN, NEW PRINTER!

SUMMER NEWSLETTER IS IN PROGRESS AT THIS TIME!

THE BALLOTS FOR ELECTION OF ALL NEW OFFICERS, AND DIRECTORS FOR QCWA HAVE BEEN MAILED AT THIS TIME (June 9), AND THE CANDIDATES ARE OUTSTANDING MEN AND WOMEN. I WANT TO URGE THE CHAPTERS TO TALK UP THE ELECTION, GET OUT THE VOTE AND SEE THAT QCWA IS GUIDED BY THOSE IN WHOM YOU FEEL WILL TRULY REPRESENT YOUR WISHES.

APPROXIMATELY 8200 BALLOTS WERE MAILED AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY QUITE A FEW MEMBERS AT THIS TIME. I AM PERSONALLY BETTING THAT THE TELLERS RECEIVE MORE THAN 4000 RETURNS...HELP ME WIN THE BET...VOTE THE VERY DAY YOU RECEIVE THE BALLOT, THAT WAY YOU WON'T FORGET OR MISLAY IT. IN THE EVENT YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT BY JULY 20, WRITE HEADQUARTERS TO ADVISE THEM. A NEW BALLOT WILL BE SENT FIRST-CLASS MAIL



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